Materials:
Fish pattern (attached)
Lightweight white paper—shelf paper works very well
Crayons
Watercolor paints and brushes
Glue and scissors
Iron (for teacher use)
String

Instructions:
Children trace the fish pattern on their folded paper. Place the fish pattern under the white paper so that the scales show through. Using a dark crayon, trace the scales and the eye onto the white paper. Using watercolor paints, decorate the fish with many beautiful colors. To speed up the drying process, the fish may be ironed between sheets of newsprint. Apply a thin line of glue on the wrong side of the fish, excluding the mouth area. Press the two parts together and let dry. Using scraps of the fish paper, cut narrow strips of paper to glue around the mouth area to reinforce it. Attach a string to the mouth area and the carp is ready to be flown.

Flying Carp

1. Fold a piece of paper. Place the pattern between the folds of the paper. Make sure the top of the fin is placed next to the fold. Using a dark crayon, trace the design on both sides of the carp

2. Draw in the scales of the carp.
3. Cut out the carp except for the top fin.

![Scissors cutting out a carp](image)

4. Open up the paper and paint the carp.

![Painting a carp](image)

5. After the painting has dried, turn the carp over and glue along the outside of the paper. Do not apply glue to the mouth. Glue small strips of paper to the inside of the mouth to add reinforcement.

![Gluing carp](image)

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